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LETTER FROM CIA DIRECTOR

GEOFFREY POND: "The Central Intelligence Agency has given the Senate Ethics Committee a letter tending to support Senator Thomas Dodd's explanation of the controversial trip that the Connecticut Democrat made to West Germany in 1964. Dodd had said he went on Senate business to interview a Soviet defector. But it's been alleged that his real purpose was to help out a lobbyist for West German business firms.

"The CIA's letter from Director Richard Helms says Dodd asked the Agency for information before and after the trip."